

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below. Amendments are contained within the replacement paragraphs provided; current additions are shown by underlines and deletions are shown by strikethrough or double brackets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

A1 The hydrophilic zone may be positioned anywhere on the topsheet provided ~~[[is]]~~ it substantially corresponds to the intended insult point or plurality of predetermined insult points. Preferably, the ~~topsheet~~ hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction on the selectively-permeable topsheet.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

A2 The substances used to treat the nonwoven may be of any substantially effective density. The substances may be a substantially uniform density or a non-uniform density. Moreover, the density of the substances may vary from one contiguous area to another. Preferably, the density of the ~~hydrophobic~~ hydrophilic composition is selected to optimize between cost-efficiency and effectiveness of the absorbent article, and/or method for preparing or using the same. Different materials will require different densities as would be known to a person of skill in the art. Preferably, the density of said hydrophilic composition is about 0.05 mg/m² to about 10 mg/m²; more preferably about 0.05 mg/m² to about 100 mg/m²; and even more preferably about 0.05 mg/m² to about 1000 mg/m².